



# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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ASD(FMP)

SUBJECT: Quality of Life Executive Committee

Reference: (a) Title 10, United States Code

## 1. PURPOSE

This Directive, under reference (a), formalizes the Quality of Life Executive Committee (Executive Committee), and defines the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee in advising the Secretary of Defense on Quality of Life programs and services within the Department of Defense in the areas of pay and compensation, living environments, and community support programs of Military Service members and their families.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities. The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

## 3. POLICY

To promote military readiness and contribute significantly to attracting and retaining high quality men and women in the Military Services, it is DoD policy to provide an integrated approach across functional areas of responsibility that addresses the overall Quality of Life for military personnel and their dependents, including pay and compensation, living environments, and community support programs that contribute to their standard of living and satisfaction with life in the military.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall:

4.1.1. Chair the Executive Committee.

4.1.2. Coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee pursuant to this Directive, including the annual assessment on the status of the overall quality of life of military members and their families within the Department of Defense.

4.1.3. Provide such personnel, facilities, administrative services, and other support as are essential to the Executive Committee's effective operation.

4.2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

4.2.1. Designate senior officials with functional responsibilities for Quality of Life programs and services to serve as members of the Executive Committee in accordance with this Directive or as requested by the Chair.

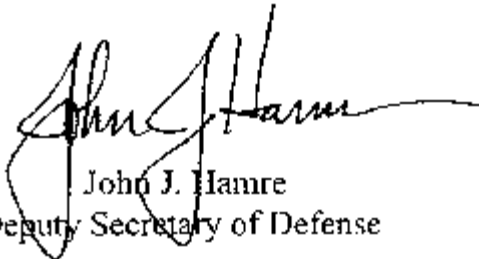
4.2.2. Support the activities and objectives of the Executive Committee.

4.2.3. Identify and raise to the Executive Committee matters that impact the overall Quality of Life of Service members, particularly those matters that impact the readiness or retention of a quality military force.

4.2.4. Designate points of contact within their Departments for matters related to the functions of the Executive Committee.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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Enclosures - 1

1. Composition and Role of the Executive Committee

## E1. ENCLOSURE 1

### COMPOSITION AND ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### E1.1. Composition of the Executive Committee

##### E1.1.1. Membership.

E1.1.1.1. The membership of the Executive Committee shall be the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy (ASD(FMP)), the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and Installations, the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), a senior representative of the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, the Director of Program Analysis and Evaluation of the Department of Defense, the Military Services, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other representatives selected by the Chair.

E1.1.1.2. The Combatant Commanders and the Senior Enlisted Advisors within the Military Services shall serve as special advisors.

E1.1.1.3. The Secretary of Defense may request that the Secretary of Transportation designate a Coast Guard officer to serve as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

E1.1.1.4. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel Support, Families and Education (DASD(PSF&E)) shall serve as adviser to the Chair and as Executive Officer of the Committee, performing such services as are specified by the Chair. The DASD(PSF&E) shall serve as a non-voting member of the Committee.

E1.1.2. The ASD(FMP), as chair of the Executive Committee, may take executive action when such action is in consonance with this Directive and is in implementation of plans, policies or programs approved by the Executive Committee; or the action taken does not require Executive Committee approval.

#### E1.2. Role and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee

E1.2.1. The Executive Committee, acting through the ASD(FMP), serves as the principal policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the overall Quality of Life of DoD military personnel and their families, including the areas of pay

and compensation, living environments, and community support programs that contribute to the standard of living and satisfaction with life in the military of military personnel and their families.

E1.2.2. The Executive Committee, through the appropriate Assistant Secretaries of Defense and the Military Departments, designated General and Flag Officers, the Senior Enlisted Advisors, and all other members of the Board, is the means within the Department by which the Secretary of Defense and others may consult on the Quality of Life of military members and their families.

E1.2.3. The Executive Committee shall examine the following matters:

E1.2.3.1. Multi-Service policy issues affecting the overall Quality of Life of military members and their families, referred to it by the Secretary of Defense, a member of the Executive Committee, or other DoD officials.

E1.2.3.2. Recommendations referred to the Executive Committee by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC), and the Combatant Commands.

E1.2.3.3. Department Quality of Life program goals and measures; prioritized by Services within existing resources.

E1.2.3.4. Proposals and actions concerning the overall Quality of Life in the military that would:

E1.2.3.4.1. Affect the Quality of Life of military members or their families.

E1.2.3.4.2. Affect the Readiness or Retention of a quality military force.

E1.2.4. The Executive Committee shall provide the Secretary of Defense with an annual assessment of the status of the overall DoD Quality of Life for military members and their families within the Department of Defense.

### E1.3. Authority of Committee Members.

Nothing in the Directive is intended to infringe on or otherwise interfere with the authorities and responsibilities of the members of the Executive Committee for the Quality of Life programs and services in their areas of responsibility.